

Andrew Jackson to James Monroe, April 9, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO PRESIDENT MONROE.¹

1 Copy.

Washington, April 9, 1824.

Sir, Mr Hay last evening placed a paper in my hand containing the publication of a letter from Mr Lowry of the Senate to you: on the subject of a letter of mine which he alledges to have been read by you² and in the presence of Mr Findly of the Senate, on a certain occasion. I barely cast my eyes over the letter and returned the paper, and not until I read the same publication in the *Intelligencer* of the morning did I discover that it was not the same shewn me by Mr Hay some time since

² To this point the handwriting is Jackson's; afterwards it is Eaton's. This controversy made much noise at the time. It is described in *Niles' Register*, XXVI. 115, 134, 52, 161, 269, and also in the *National Intelligencer*, Mar. and Apr., 1824, *passim*. Walter Lowrie and William Findlay were senators from Pennsylvania. See p. 230, *ante*, note 2.

The one published is varient from the one first shewn me by Mr Hay. Why the second to you and not the first has been published is strange to me. As I may be interested in having the first I request that you will furnish me with a Copy by Majr Eaton. The first Letter from Mr Lowry to you can alone justify me hereafter, if it should become necessary to expose the whole to the public without an imputation of a violation of confidence.

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Mr Lowrys first Letter tells you, that he has in his possession in your own hand writing your confidential letter to me recvd by way of Richmond, and to which I suppose he alludes when he says he has incontestable evidence of the fact, but does not explain what fact. I cannot understand his having written you two letters so varient and publishes only the latter—have therefore to ask you for a Copy

Mr Hay offered to let me take a Copy of the first letter, but believing all Senators honorable men I refused: but from what I see I think it necessary now to have one, which I hope you will please furnish Maj Eaton